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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building
465 South King Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 2009-0048 – Application of Molokai Public Utilities, Inc. For
Review And Approval Of Rate Increases; Revised Rate Schedules; And
Revised Rules

Pursuant to the schedule of proceedings approved by the Commission in the Order Approving the Parties' Proposed Procedural Order, as Modified, filed November 6, 2009, the Consumer Advocate was to file its Direct Testimonies and Exhibits today with Molokai Public Utilities, Inc. ("MPUI") filing its Submission of Information Requests to Parties on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Unfortunately, due to the work that was required for other docketed matters, the Consumer Advocate has been unable to complete its review and prepare its Direct Testimony and Exhibits.

As a result, the Consumer Advocate respectfully requests an extension until Wednesday, January 13, 2010 to file its Direct Testimony and Exhibits. The request would also include a corresponding extension of time for MPUI to file its Submission of Information Requests to Parties on Friday, January 22, 2010.

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The Consumer Advocate has discussed its need for additional time to complete its review and prepare its Direct Testimony and Exhibits with MPUI and has been informed that MPUI has no objections to such requests.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Nishina", with a stylized, flowing script.

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